

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

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Holiday Greetings!

Already? Holiday greetings? Yes, and this is our Nov/Dec issue. Hard to believe with flowers still blooming and temp supposed to go to 70 tomorrow, Nov. 4th!

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 15th at the Somerset County Library, at 7:30. Our guest demonstrator will be Glenn Whitmore** who will talk about Art For Comics. This will be so interesting and so different for us.

"CONSISTENCY IS THE HALLMARK OF A PROFESSIONAL" IS AN ADAGE THAT COMICS LEGEND JOE KUBERT WOULD INSTILL IN ALL OF HIS STUDENTS, INCLUDING 1987 GRADUATE GLENN WHITMORE. SINCE THEN, GLENN HAS ARTFULLY ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS A RELIABLE PROFESSIONAL COLORIST IN THE COMICS BUSINESS. HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT WAS DC COMICS' HAWK & DOVE MINI SERIES. SOON AFTER, HE BECAME THE COLORIST ON THE SUPERMAN TITLES, CONTRIBUTING TO AN UNBROKEN STRING OF REGULAR NUMBERED ISSUES BETWEEN 1988 AND 2000.

IN THE EARLY 2000S, GLENN SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITIONED TO THE DIGITAL AGE; MOVING ON TO WORK WITH EISNER AWARD WINNER STEVE RUDE, SERVING FIRST ON THE MOTH, THEN THE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED NEXUS, WHICH WERE BOTH PUBLISHED BY DARK HORSE COMICS. ALSO DURING THIS TIME, HE BECAME A REGULAR COLOR CONTRIBUTOR FOR TWOMORROWS' PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS DRAW! AND BACK ISSUE MAGAZINE.

IN 2008, GLENN BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH YET ANOTHER AMERICAN ICON - ARCHIE ANDREWS; COLORING THE ADVENTURES OF THE RIVERDALE GANG IN ARCHIE & FRIENDS, THEN THE "ARCHIE MARRIES" STORYLINE IN 2009. THAT EVENT WAS SPUN INTO A REGULAR SERIES - LIFE WITH ARCHIE, WHICH GARNERED MUCH CRITICAL ACCLAIM AND MEDIA ATTENTION. FOR FOUR YEARS, GLENN DEPENDABLY COLORED EVERY ISSUE OF THE SERIES UP TO ITS DRAMATIC CONCLUSION WITH "THE DEATH OF ARCHIE".

MOST RECENTLY, GLENN HAS COLORED STORIES FOR SPONGEBOB COMICS. HE'S ALSO COLLABORATED WITH SEVERAL OTHER COMICS VETERANS AND FAMED TELEVISION WRITER DARIN HENRY (SEINFELD, KC UNDERCOVER) TO LAUNCH HENRY'S SITCOMICS LINE ("IT'S T.V. YOU READ!"). TITLES INCLUDED THE BLUE BARON, SUPER SUCKERS, AND STARTUP.

You don't want to miss this! Glenn teaches adults and currently has a children's class at The Center for Contemporary Art on Saturdays. For more on Glenn, do check out his websites: <http://www.glennwhitmore.com/> <http://www.captainclockwork.com/> <https://www.instagram.com/glenn.whitmore/>

RVAA members enjoyed Terry Ferris' demo last month. Our thanks to Lois Westerfield for these photos of the event.



Our Holiday Show at the Somerset County Library will be as it was last year. We will only use the Circular Gallery and the display cases. Depending on how many of you respond to me by Tuesday, Nov. 21st I will know how many works you can submit. **So please email me diana@dianapatton.com** or snail mail 497 Stony Brook Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. I think if perhaps 10 of you respond, you could each have two pieces in the Circular Gallery and probably 5-10 small works for the display cases. Depending on the response, I'll email you the changes in the numbers. Then, if you can email/snail mail me titles and prices Gard will put this on the website and I will be able to type up a price list for the Customer Service Desk. *However do not put prices on the front of your paintings, only your name and the title number. Feel free to put price on the back.* Again we are not requiring show sitting this year because we will not have racks with lots of paintings; besides, it was difficult to (wo)man the front desk for more than a short time. I plan to sit two Saturday mornings, and if any of you want to sit, great, just let me know when, during delivery, which will be Friday, December 1st 11-1:00, and pick-up any time Saturday, December 30th. The library will be closed Christmas Eve day, Christmas, and New Year's Eve day. The fee is only \$5. this year. Emailers can simply bring the \$5. to the library if you wish. Please send 10% made out to RVAA if you make a sale to our treasurer Barbara Fiorentino, 22 Preston Drive, Branchburg, 08876.

Susan Boyd, our longtime Membership Chairwoman, who also emails and snail mails your Newsletter to you, has had a double knee replacement operation at Overlook Hospital. But when you get this, she will be at Atlantic Rehabilitation Center, 98 Mt. Kemble Ave. ,

Morristown, 07960 for a week or so, and then home to 437 Washington Ave, Martinsville, NJ 08836, in case you want to drop her a note of cheer. We send you good wishes for a really speedy recovery, Susan!

Our Holiday Party...with many thanks to Mary Lou Guididas...

**RVAA Holiday Party, Monday Dec. 4
6 - 9 p.m.**

**BYOB + hors d'oeuvres platter
Home of Ed and Mary Lou Guididas
68 Hillcrest Rd.
Martinsville**

**RSVP at the Nov. RVAA meeting
Or call Mary Lou at 732 356 8781
Or ergmlg@yahoo.com by Monday Nov. 20**

We are planning a holiday party this year (minus the Secret Santa) for members and their guests at the home of Ed and Mary Lou Guididas, Everyone is asked to bring heavy hors d'oeuvres- for example: mini reubens, chicken or egg salad with crackers, mini turkey sandwiches, shrimp, stuffed mushrooms, Chinese pot stickers, salami, pepperoni or kielbasa platter with crackers, cheese platter, veggie platter, fruit salad, etc. -hot or cold - you get the idea - 18 pieces or servings - all finger food or toothpick speared.

Mary Lou will provide coffee, tea, soft drinks, and a dessert assortment. If you want beer or wine, please bring your own.

Because the party is less than 2 weeks after Thanksgiving, and Mary Lou is having out of town guests as well as Thanksgiving dinner, she is asking that anyone who is planning to attend let her know by phone or email by Monday Nov. 20 or at the RVAA meeting. If you have an idea of what you'd like to provide, please let her know that as well so we do not have duplicates. If you want some suggestions, she has a list of ideas. It doesn't have to be fancy - we want to relax and have fun.

Getting to Mary Lou's house is easy from Rt. 22, take the Vosseller Ave North exit up the hill to the 3rd right, which is Hillcrest Rd. Her yellow colonial is exactly 1 mile on Hillcrest on the right - decorated mailbox and lightpost. Hillcrest Rd. is in the woods - it's dark and the deer are all over. Be careful. Parking is in front of the garage, around the circle in front of the house or on the street. Carpooling is not a bad idea. There is also a gravel driveway.

Let's have a good turnout again. We all had such a good time last year. Remember to RSVP by Nov. 20.

**Whew! In brief: Holiday Show at the Somerset County Library Dec. 1-30
December Holiday Dinner Monday, December 4th at Mary Lou's and Ed's home**

Members in the News

The fifth annual "Talent in the Town" was held at the Bridgewater Municipal building this past month, sponsored by the Bridgewater Creative Arts Committee. Several RVAA members were in it, including **Jennifer Ali, Linda Lam, Diana Patton, Donna Souren, and George Straka.**

Judy Hummer will be running a Watercolor Workshop for the Garden State Watercolor Society.

Diana Patton I have a new YouTube channel. Just go to YouTube and put in pattonpicsandtales It's a free story and puppet channel. Backing it up is my newest website <http://pattonpicsandtales.com/>. Since it took us 3 weeks to get all the intricacies done, only one story is up now, but more will follow. Please do check it out and "subscribe". With hard work on our part hopefully once a month or so, a new story film will go up and you'll be notified. Meanwhile do feel free to share this with children or anyone interested in picture books, puppets, etc.

Hello, out there! Please send me your news. Inquiring minds want to know what you are doing. I'll keep the news in my file for January's Newsletter. Meanwhile, **Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy New Year! Diana Patton**

RVAA's Annual Exhibit at the Somerset County Library Friday, December 1st (delivery from 11-1:00 and pick-up any time Saturday December 30th). \$5. check made out to RVAA

(emailers can bring \$5. to me at the library, but do email this form with your titles)

_____ will be entering two (this may change; I'll let you know) works for

the Circular Gallery and _____ for the display cases. My phone # _____

My email is _____

Please mail ASAP to Diana Patton 497 Stony Brook Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

You may email me the titles and prices later, by Nov. 26, because before then I'll know if you can bring more (or less) paintings.